

BRITISH TOOK  
A NEW POINT

Captured Strongly Defended Position Southwest of Le Sars

ATTACK WAS MADE  
THIS MORNING

Schwaben Redoubt Also Entirely Captured Late Thursday

London, Sept. 29.—An attack by British troops on the Somme front early this morning resulted in the capture of a strongly defended farm 500 yards southwest of Le Sars, the war office announced this afternoon.

The official statement last night was as follows:

"We attacked Schwaben redoubt, most of which is in our hands. In the past 24 hours in this area nearly 600 prisoners were taken.

"The redoubt occupies a crest 500 yards north of Thiepval and represents the highest ground on the Thiepval spur, with a full view over the northern valley of the Ancre.

"Elsewhere on our front we consolidated our ground and advanced our lines north and northeast of Corbette.

"British aeroplanes, as usual, in the past two days co-operated brilliantly with the infantry. Much damage was done to enemy batteries and there have been many instances of our aeroplanes attacking troops and transports on the ground with machine gun fire."

Official Statement at Paris Says They Advanced Between Fregicourt and Morval.

Paris, Sept. 29.—Further progress was made by the French last night between Fregicourt and Morval on the Somme front, according to the statement of the war office to-day.

On the Saloniki front the Serbians repulsed four Bulgarian attacks on Kaimakalan.

100 VILLISTAS SLAIN.  
Hunt for Villa by Carranza Soldiers Doubled.

Chihuahua City, Mexico, Sept. 29.—More than 100 Villa followers were killed, bandit leader, Baudelio Vribe, was taken prisoner, and heavy casualties were suffered by Carranza forces in a fight at Cuthuiriachi, an important mining center 50 miles southwest of Chihuahua City, according to a message received yesterday by Gen. Trevino from Gen. Matias Ramos, who himself was slightly wounded.

Details of the fight were few. A hospital corps detachment was rushed to the scene by train. It is stated that the garrison at Cuthuiriachi co-operated with the forces of Ramos.

Baudelio Vribe, leader of the band, and Villa's chief lieutenant, was the originator of the idea of cutting off the ears of captured government soldiers. Many of his commands are reported to have been taken.

News of the fight came also from the telegraph operator at Santa Isabel, which is 33 miles by train from Chihuahua. The hospital train was sent to Santa Isabel.

Troops continued to pour into Chihuahua City from the south to participate in the Villa hunt. Gen. Apolonia Trevino's horse command arrived from Torreon yesterday. It will be sent into the field immediately. Gen. Fortunato Mayotte is expected soon with his command from the Laguna district.

The command of Gen. Carlos Azunias is en route from Saltillo and a command from Monterey under Col. Muzquis also is on the road.

HUGHES ANSWERS OLNEY.  
Tells Why He Did Urge Republicans to Vote Against Eight-Hour Bill.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Sept. 29.—Richard Olney's criticism of Charles E. Hughes and his campaign was answered last night by Mr. Hughes in a speech before the Republican unofficial state convention which repeatedly brought the delegates to their feet to cheer and applaud.

"The distinguished former secretary of state said in substance that I defied the judicial empire and appeared in the motley garb of a seeker for office," Mr. Hughes said. "I did not the judicial empire and I submit to you that it fell from my shoulders unscathed.

"No American need apologize for being a candidate for office, least of all, I had no desire to return to politics, but there came a summons no honorable man could refuse. I did assume the garb, call it motley or what you will. I am now before the American people seeking the highest office in its gift.

"For what purpose? Not that I covet power, but I do covet the opportunity if it is afforded to maintain American rights and American honor."

TALK OF THE TOWN  
J. C. DeBonne of Park street left this morning for Bradford, where he will spend several days on business.

C. L. Anderson, Joseph Perrotti and John McIntyre of Lynn, Mass., arrived in the city last night and will spend several days in the city on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart returned to Barre last evening after spending their honeymoon in Boston. They will stay at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gregory of Washington street, for a few days, before going to Montpelier, where they will reside on Elm street.

## AUTO HIT YOUNG GIRL.

Winooski Child's Condition Not Yet Determined.

Winooski, Sept. 29.—Adrienne Matte, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Matte of East Allen street, was the victim of an automobile accident between 4 and 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the corner of Weaver and Spring streets. A car owned and driven by Robert Ryerson hit the little girl, throwing her to the ground. The extent of her injuries cannot be ascertained for a few days.

In company with three other little girls, she was coming from St. Louis' convent and was standing on the sidewalk talking. Mr. Ryerson was driving his machine slowly and blew the horn, which is a loud one, but the children started to cross Weaver street as he was driving on to it. All four children saw the car, it is said, and started to cross in front of it, all getting safely by except the Matte girl. She was hit by the mudguard and was thrown to the ground. She was picked up and carried to her home and Dr. Sheehan was summoned and later Dr. J. G. Thibault was called for consultation. She received a bruise just above the temple, the shoulder was injured, and she was also bruised about the arm. The bruise above the temple is quite a serious one as it is feared that a blood congestion is apt to develop. The little girl was unconscious last evening. Mr. Ryerson stated that his car was being driven at low speed and that he put on the emergency brake immediately. One of the little girls in the crowd said they heard the horn and that Mr. Ryerson also yelled at them.

Later Frank Marshall Fired Once at Himself as He Was Entering His Home in Brookline, Mass.—He Died Last Night.

Brookline, Mass., Sept. 29.—The suicide by shooting of Frank Marshall, a restaurant proprietor in the market district of Boston for 25 years, at his home here last night became known to-day. A son, Carl Marshall, said that his father was despondent.

His statement cleared up a mystery which the police of Brookline and Boston were endeavoring to solve. A taxi driver reported that a passenger who alighted at the Marshall home yesterday fired two shots while riding in the cab and attempted to fire again while he was entering the house. The officials were unable to get any information about the matter last night.

PROVE CARELESSLY.  
And Also Without License—Woman Motorist Pays in St. Albans.

St. Albans, Sept. 29.—Mrs. C. H. Cheney of Swanton was arraigned in city court yesterday before Judge N. N. Post on a charge of driving an automobile carelessly and driving without an operator's license. She pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 and costs for each offense, amounting to \$22, which she paid. Mrs. Cheney was driving in this city late Wednesday afternoon and came down Bank street at a rapid rate, crossed the road, and circled around and went up on the sidewalk in front of Miss Mary E. Sweeney's place. As she went around a car belonging to Raymond Sheldon of Bennington was hit and one wheel damaged. The Cheney car backed down the two cement steps, and was not damaged.

SELLING PROPERTY FOR TAXES.  
Middlebury Constable is Taking Drastic Action in Collection.

Middlebury, Sept. 29.—Constable Milo K. Moore has this week sold two small places in Middlebury to secure the payment of overdue taxes. One was the Trudo place in the east part of the town, bid in by a man named Derahua, who has occupied the property for two years, and the other known as the E. J. Leitch place on Shipman hill, which was bid in by Col. T. M. Chapman, who held a mortgage on it. It is understood that there are a number of other properties that will soon be put under the hammer for the same reason.

MONTPELIER  
Co. H Boys Are Expected Home Later Part of Next Week.

Capt. Coughlan of Co. H, 1st Vermont regiment, returned this morning to Fort Ethan Allen after spending the night in the city, being the first of the local company to arrive home after the three months' stay in Texas. Capt. Coughlan expressed himself as delighted with the climate at Eagle Pass and like every other member of the company is in excellent health and has gained 14 pounds in weight since leaving Montpelier last June.

The mustering out process is being carried on the reservation, the companies comprising the third battalion being the first to receive the papers necessary to their departure for their respective homes, the company battalion will follow and then the first. Co. H forms part of the second and it is the captain's belief that the members of the company will arrive in Montpelier and Barre the latter part of next week.

C. S. Sumner of Boston is spending a week in the city on business, being the guest of his son, Lyman F. Sumner of St. Paul street.

Stanley F. Wilson of Chelsea, re-elected chairman of the Republican state committee, is visiting in the city, having arrived last evening from Burlington, where he attended the state convention held yesterday. Others who returned last evening were State Auditor Horace F. Graham, Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs Benjamin Gates and W. A. Lord, nominee for city representative.

U. S. Senator Dillingham left this noon for Manchester, N. H., where he will be one of the speakers at a big Republican rally held at Recreation park Saturday. The Republican candidate for governor of New Hampshire and others will be on the program.

Arthur Willis, Machinist, Killed at Poulney.  
Rutland, Sept. 29.—Arthur Willis of Hampton, N. Y., died at the Rutland hospital at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon as a result of injuries received while at work in the Staso plant mill at Poulney.

The man was at work oiling the machinery when his clothing became caught on a rapidly revolving shaft. One of his arms was badly torn and was broken in three places. He also received internal injuries which resulted in his death at the hospital, where he was taken immediately after the accident.

Mr. Willis is survived by a wife and three small children.

RELATIVES SUMMONED.  
To Bedside of Senator C. S. Page in Rutland Hospital.

Rutland, Sept. 29.—It is understood that the family of U. S. Senator Carroll E. Page have been summoned to the bedside of the senator in the Rutland hospital. Senator Page has been in the hospital about a week.

STILL HAS HOPE  
THAT GERMANY  
WILL CONQUER

Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg States That on the Whole the War Situation Is Favorable, Allies' Successes on Somme Not Affecting the General Situation

BREATHES HATRED  
OF GREAT BRITAIN

Germany Will Not Think of Peace, He Asserted, as Long as Her House Is Burnt—"She Must First Extinguish the Fire"

Berlin, London, Sept. 29.—Germany will persevere until victory is here, the Reichstag was told yesterday by Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, according to the full text of the speech published to-day. The chancellor declared that this year's harvest has made Germany's position much more secure than last year.

In his attack upon Great Britain he declared that countering was breaking one international law after another and was, above all, Germany's most spiteful, fiercest and most obstinate enemy. The German statesman who would hesitate to use against this enemy every available instrument of battle that would really shorten this war—such statesman should be hanged.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg declared his contempt for those circulating reports that Germany's means of fighting were not being employed to the full possible extent. He added that in order to disappoint the enemy he would not give the details.

Referring to the actual conditions on the war front, the chancellor said that the attacks made by the central powers in the southeastern theatre had frustrated the great plan of the entente to sever the connection of Germany with the Orient by separate conquest of Turkey, Bulgaria and Austria-Hungary.

On the whole, therefore, he said, we see isolated successes befall enemy attacks on the Somme, which cannot influence the general situation. On the other hand, we see the successful repulse of all enemy attacks and the frustration of the enemy's intentions in the Balkans and the failure of his plans. Since the first day of the war we have sought nothing but the defense of our rights and alone declare our readiness for peace negotiations.

In concluding his speech, the chancellor exclaimed: "Germany will not be permitted to think of peace while her house is burning. She must first extinguish the fire."

NEARLY 200,000  
WORKERS ARE OUT

Labor Union Officials in New York Do Not Admit Defeat of Their Plans for Sympathetic Strike.

New York, Sept. 29.—Labor union officials who attempted to organize a general strike here and in Westchester county, in sympathy with the striking streetcar men, refused to-day to admit their defeat, and still claimed that nearly 200,000 workers had quit. They announced, however, that efforts to call others were postponed until Monday, when a meeting of local federal unions will be held to consider action.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.  
West Rutland Quarryman Struck by 12-Ton Rock.

Rutland, Sept. 29.—Peter Dowicz was instantly killed yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the True Blue mill in West Rutland when a 12-ton block of marble, which was being hoisted into a gang, split and pinned the laborer to the ground. Dr. C. F. Fleming was called and the body was later removed to the rooms of Charles H. Campbell, an undertaker, in the O'Rourke ambulance.

Mr. Dowicz had been employed by the Vermont Marble company but a few days and little is known of him. He leaves a brother in Buffalo, N. Y., and the funeral arrangements will not be made until the latter's arrival.

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## GIVEN ROUSING WELCOME.

Col. Reeves Back Among Norwich Students for Short Time.

Northfield, Sept. 29.—Colonel Reeves, president of Norwich university, who has been in command of the First Vermont infantry on the Texas border since July 1, arrived in town yesterday noon from Burlington. He was taken to the university at once where the corps had assembled in Dewey hall to greet him. As he entered the room he was met by a cheering N. U. cheer with Colonel Reeves at the end. Applause for several moments was so great that no words could be heard. President Reeves then gave a short talk.

He said that he hoped to be back to Norwich for good by Saturday. Until then he would be busy mustering the regiment out of the federal service. He regretted deeply that the original plans for the citizens training camp at Norwich this summer had to be given up; but he believed that when the country called there was no sacrifice too great to be made. He was very sorry that the corps had been prevented from joining the regiment on the border. He had done his best to make this possible so that those who had volunteered would not be disappointed. But now that it was over we would forget about it as soon as possible and go forward to make a most successful college year.

After he had finished speaking he came down from the platform and shook hands with every student. Cadet Major Upham introduced the new men to him. Five minutes after this informal reception was over, the colonel was in his office looking over his mail.

VERMONT SOLDIERS BANQUETED.  
Big Demonstration Also Given Them on Streets of Burlington.

Burlington, Sept. 29.—A crowd estimated to have been 10,000 people welcomed the Vermont troops, back from Eagle Pass, Texas, when they came to this city last evening to attend a banquet at the Van Ness house given in their honor. The soldiers were brought from Fort Ethan Allen in special electric cars and they paraded from the corner of North street and North Winooski avenue to the hotel, where they were entertained along the route.

Pres. Benton of the University of Vermont was toastmaster and Mayor Dow extended a welcome in behalf of the city. Colonel Ira L. Reeves, commanding officer of the First Vermont, was then introduced and was given one of the most hearty ovations of the evening, to which he feelingly responded. Col. Reeves thanked the citizens of Burlington on behalf of the regiment for the welcome and sentiment which they had expressed to him and his men. He also thanked Colonel Dickman for allowing the Vermont troops to occupy barracks at Fort Ethan Allen.

The commanding officer then told of the splendid record made by the Vermont troops during their three months' service on the border and stated that, although he had never met one whose personnel equaled that of the First Vermont. The Vermont troops were the first regiment to reach the border, although their home stations were the furthest distant, after the mobilization started and were the first to perform service on the border. They were given many positions of responsibility and were highly regarded by the regular army officers. Colonel Reeves modestly placed all the credit for these splendid achievements upon the shoulders of the officers and men of the regiment and denied that he himself belonged to them. In concluding he stated that the Vermont troops must be kept in their present state of efficiency.

Adj. Gen. Lee S. Tilton, who followed Colonel Reeves on the program, said that the hardest task of the National Guard was before it and that was to maintain its present status as an important factor in the national defense of this country. He attributed to the mobilization of the National Guard, the pacifying of border troubles and the averting of actual hostilities with Mexico.

President John M. Thomas of Middlebury college, former chaplain of the Vermont regiment, paid a splendid tribute to the officers and men of that organization and a still heartier one to the commanding officer, whom he characterized as a great executive animated by the highest motives. The proudest fact of his life, declared President Thomas would be that he had worn the Vermont uniform and his most highly prized jewel would be his chaplain's insignia.

Gen. T. Peck referred with deep emotion to the splendid record of the Vermont troops during the Civil war and the hearty welcome which awaited them upon their return. He mentioned the fact that Dr. and Mrs. Seward Webb not only sent \$1,500 for the use of the regiment's hospital at the time of the Spanish-American war, but also presented the men with a beautiful service medal, saying that he hoped the present guardsmen would receive a similar memorial.

Brief speeches were made by Col. Joseph T. Dickman, commanding officer of the Second cavalry, Capt. W. N. Hudson of Company C, Capt. John L. Cooley of Company and Chaplain Moody. After a selection by the band, the exercises were closed by the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner."

ELDERLY MONTPELIER MAN.  
Jeremiah V. Babcock Died This Morning, Aged Nearly 81.

Jeremiah V. Babcock, an old resident of Montpelier, died at his home, 25 Liberty street, in that city this morning at 6 o'clock after only a few days' illness following poor health for a year. The cause of his death was gallstones and heart disease. The funeral will be held from his late home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and interment will be in Green Mount cemetery, Montpelier.

Mr. Babcock was born in Danville in December, 1835, and came to Montpelier in 1854, since which year he had resided in that place. He was employed as a clerk in drug stores and was at one time engaged in business under the name of Babcock & Cutler. His last active work was in the store of Collins Blakely. He was a Mason and a member of Bethany church, being greatly interested in Sunday school work.

He leaves his wife, an older brother, Harvey M. Babcock of Boston, and a half-sister, Mrs. J. A. Paddock of St. Johnsbury. Mrs. Karl Sawyer of Barre was brought up in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Babcock, being a niece.

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French Aviator First Accounted for Three German Aeroplanes

WENT TO RESCUE OF COMPATRIOT

Knocked Down Three Machines in Two Minutes and 30 Seconds

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Guynemer went to the assistance of a comrade, hard pressed by five German machines. He brought down two within 30 seconds and then, rising, overtook a third, which was shot down two minutes later. He was looking for the remaining two when a shell burst beneath him and stripped the wing of his machine of its covering and he plunged earthward. Although the machine was demolished, the aviator was practically unhurt.

\$10,000 DAMAGES AWARDED.  
To Charles Barclay, Who Sued Wetmore & Morse Granite Co.

The plaintiff, Charles Barclay, a quarrier, was given a verdict of \$10,000 damages against Wetmore & Morse Granite company in Washington county court yesterday afternoon, having sued the company for negligence, an accident at the defendants' quarry resulting in Barclay losing his eyesight and causing other injuries. The plaintiff obtained a verdict for exactly one-half of the amount sued for. The jury was out about two and one-half hours, reporting shortly after 2:30 o'clock.

Henry Ruse vs. Michael Good, trespass, also being tried in court at the same time, the case having been tried a year ago with a verdict for the defendant, but was appealed to supreme court and remanded for trial. The suit is the result of a quarrel between two granite cutters, which occurred nearly two years ago at the Jones Bros' granite plant in Barre.

According to evidence submitted, an argument commenced during the noon hour one day at the granite plant and ended by Good striking Ruse on the jaw. The defendant claims that his action was the result of the attitude of the plaintiff. Good professing to believe that he was going to be attacked and acted in self-defense.

The plaintiff on the stand yesterday afternoon told his version of the affair and testified as to the injuries he sustained as the result of the blow. Good, it is alleged, walked across a table where several men were playing cards, and struck the plaintiff.

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Republicans Had One Little Tiff Over Floy.

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The truth of this statement was borne out by the presence in the convention of many who were conspicuous in the Bass and Churchill insurgent movements and several prominent Bull Moose men.

Mr. Hughes' expressions on all the issues of the campaign were fully endorsed and in a storm of applause a platform plank was ratified congratulating the country on the assured election of Hughes and Fairbanks.

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Col. John H. Bartlett of Portsmouth was elected chairman of the convention. His address dealt at length with the blunders of the national administration and his arraignment of Pres. Wilson and his advisers was applauded to the utmost. His plea for a wage protecting tariff met the approval of the delegates and the adherence of the delegates to Republican tariff principles was emphasized later in the resolutions adopted.

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S. C. WILSON AGAIN  
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OF REPUBLICANS

Party Headquarters Will Be in Montpelier—Presidential Electors Chosen at State Convention in Burlington.

Burlington, Sept. 29.—The Republican state convention yesterday afternoon elected James A. Pollard of Chester, Earl S. Kingsley of Rutland, Alexander Dunnett of St. Johnsbury and J. L. Southwick of Burlington as presidential electors, after which the following state committee was chosen:

Addison, M. E. Barnes of Chimney Point; Bennington, J. E. Potter of Pownall; Caledonia, J. R. Seales of St. Johnsbury; Chittenden, A. L. Sherman of Burlington; Essex, H. B. Ames of Island Pond; Franklin, Harold Fairchild of Fairfield; Grand Isle, Juan Robinson of South Hero; Lamoille, S. B. Waite of Hyde Park; Orange, S. C. Wilson of Chelsea; Orleans, C. S. Skinner of Newport; Rutland, B. L. Stafford of Rutland; Washington, Maurice Dewey of Montpelier; Windham, J. E. Paddock of Saxtons River; Windsor, A. E. Watson of White River Junction.

On the adjournment of the convention the state committee organized as follows: Chairman, Stanley C. Wilson of Chelsea; secretary, J. Ralph Seales of St. Johnsbury; treasurer, Maurice Dewey of Montpelier; members of the executive committee, the president, secretary and R. L. Stafford of Rutland; Ernest Skinner of Orleans and A. L. Sherman of Burlington. It was decided that the headquarters should be at Montpelier, and the matter of the coming campaign was left with the members of the executive committee.

The Platform.  
The convention adopted the following platform:

Believing that the voters of any body politic are entitled to know the principles upon which a party seeks their suffrage, we, the Republicans of Vermont, by our representatives in state convention assembled, do hereby declare the principles for which we stand.

We again renew our allegiance to that party which from its organization has stood for the protection of American citizens and American rights at home and abroad, and pledge our earnest support to the platform recently adopted by that party in national convention assembled. We recall with pride the position taken by Vermont in that convention which had so large a part in bringing about the nomination of our peerless leader, Charles Evans Hughes.

Appreciating, as never before, the virtue and power of a united party, we commend the patriotism of strong, courageous and devoted leaders who have enrolled themselves once more under our banner, and we urge all Republicans to supreme and victorious effort under the leadership of men like Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft and Charles Evans Hughes.

We recognize the fact that agriculture is the predominating industry of our commonwealth and the chief source of our material prosperity. We believe that nowhere in the United States are there greater agricultural opportunities than in Vermont, and that our citizens should be encouraged to remain upon the farms of our state and that all measures looking to the upbuilding of agriculture, both in method and practical results, should commend themselves to the favorable consideration of the general assembly and that the teaching of practical agriculture should be prosecuted with vigor and efficiency.

Good roads are essential and necessary for the highest development of our state in its phases, and that proper expenditure of our money for better highways means new and higher attainments in all walks of life, and the extension of highway improvements to rural communities will enhance the value of our hill farms and add pleasure and profit to a large rural population. We believe in the continuance of the present highway policy with such improvements as will be commensurate with our changing conditions and the best methods of road construction, and recommend the expenditure of a reasonable part of the highway money on the so-called back roads under state supervision.